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- 1. POLITICAL COUNSELOR RELAYED INFORMATION REFTEL TO DIRECTOR IN CHIEF FOREIGN SECRETARIAT CASTRO Y CASTRO APRIL 27. THE LATTER RESPONDED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD OUR POSITION AND OUR DESIRE TO AVOID MAKING ANY COMMITMENT AT THE PRESENT TIME. HOWEVER HE URGED THAT U. S. NOT ATTEMPT TO PREVENT CHOICE OF LATIN AMERICAN CANDIDATE THROUGH PROCEDURAL DEVICES. CASTRO Y CASTRO ADDED THAT MEXICO HAD NOW RECEIVED VERY WIDE COMMITMENTS THROUGHOUT LATIN AMERICA FOR CHOICE OF MEXICO CITY AS SITE FOR WTO HEADQUARTERS AND HE THEREFORE BELIEVED THAT U.S. DELAYING TACTICS WOULD NOT ONLY BE UNHELPFUL TO MEXICO BUT MIGHT BE RESENTED IN THE HEMISPHERE. HE SUGGESTED THAT IF THE U.S. WAS NOT PREPARED TO COMMIT ITSELF TO ANY ONE SITE AT FORTHCOMING SAN SALVADOR MEETING, HE HOPED WE WOULD AT LEAST ABSTAIN ON THE MATTER.
- 2. CASTRO Y CASTRO DEPARTS FOR SAN SALVADOR MEETING MAY 5. HE SAID HE WAS PREPARING MEMORANDUM FOR FOREIGN SECRETARY RABASA URGING THAT THE SELECTION OF THE SITE FOR WTO HEADQUARTERS BE PLACED ON AGENDA FOR MEXICAN- U. S. INTERPARLIAMENTARY MEETINGS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND FOR DISCUSSIONS DURING POSSIBLE VISIT BY SECRETARY ROGERS.

EMBASSY THEREFORE RECOMMENDS THAT APPROPRIATE BRIEFING PAPERS BE PREPARED FOR U. S. INTERPARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION AND FOR SECRETARY ROGERS' PARTY.

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